

Two options for the SGR report: Combining SGR alternatives and setting targets for physician specialties

ISSUE: The mandate for the SGR report in the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) requires that the Commission consider alternatives to the SGR such as group practice, hospital medical staff, type of service, geographic area, and physician outliers.

KEY POINTS: The Commission could explore options in addition to the alternatives listed in the mandate. One is to combine two or more of the alternatives. Another is to structure an SGR according to physician specialty.

ACTION: Discussion of the merits of these options will inform decisions about whether to include them in the report.

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